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Comparative Tax Rates Of All County Towns Interesting Study

The completion of the work of fixing the tax rates for the various towns of the county by their respective boards of assessors now provides a most interesting study. The average county tax rate is about seven cents below the average rate of last year, but the fact remains that taxpayers will pay more or less according to the fixed rate of their own community. Monroe has the lowest rate of \$15, while the highest levy is that of Leverett with \$45. The second highest tax rate is that of Orange with \$45 and Northfield is third with \$38. Fourteen towns made reductions that year and include Ashfield, Buckland, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Hawley, Heath, Monroe, Montague, New Salem, Shutesbury, Sunderland and Warwick. Those with increases are Bernardston, Charlemont, Colrain, Leverett, Leyden, Northfield, Orange, Wendell and Rowe. Those remaining the same are Conway, Shelburne and Whately.

The tax rates for the twenty-six towns of Franklin county for 1941 and 1940 are as follows:

	1941	1940
Ashfield	\$28.00	\$27.00
Bernardston	27.50	23.00
Buckland	21.00	22.00
Charlemont	33.00	29.00
Colrain	36.00	34.00
Conway	28.00	28.00
Deerfield	21.90	24.60
Erving	24.00	25.00
Gill	18.00	26.50
Greenfield	28.00	29.20
Hawley	34.00	35.00
Heath	36.00	38.00
Leverett	45.00	41.00
Leyden	28.00	24.00
Monroe	15.00	16.00
Montague	32.00	36.00
New Salem	33.60	34.50
Northfield	38.00	34.00
Orange	43.00	41.00
Rowe	31.00	28.00
Shelburne	24.00	24.00
Shutesbury	20.00	22.00
Sunderland	28.00	29.00
Warwick	32.00	36.00
Wendell	30.00	25.00
Whately	25.00	25.00

Plays Well Given By Chateau Players

The Chateau Players entertained a large group of hotel guests and friends on Monday evening at the Chateau, with two most interesting plays. The first presentation was "Madness and Triple Time" with Miss Frances Eddy, Miss Mary Eddy, Miss Betty Grover, Al Raymond and Dr. Cyril Richardson, as the characters. In "Poor Dear Aunt Maria" the characters were taken by Miss Dorothy Churchill, Miss Betty Spencer, James Lyons, Al Raymond and Dr. Richardson. All played their parts well and merited the applause and appreciation shown by the audience. It proved to be an evening of rare enjoyment and it is hoped that the Chateau Players may again appear in following performances.

Annapolis Vacancy

Our representative in Congress, from this district, Allen T. Treadway, announces that there will be a vacancy at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, in the summer of 1942. The civil service will conduct a preliminary test in the district the latter part of October, 1941, and the four candidates receiving the highest ratings will be certified to the navy department for the final entrance examination to be given in the spring of 1942.

Property Transfers

During the past week the following real estate transfers have been recorded at the registry:

Susan M. Winter of Boston to Annie G. Winter of Lawrence, land west of Highland avenue.

Harold F. Bigelow to Mr. and Mrs. Merritt C. Skilton, 14 acres east of the Gulf road.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Hallam to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mathieu, land west of Highland Ave.

TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

On account of the closing of Buffam's Gas Station at 7 o'clock, until further notice all Thursday office hours of the Tax Collector will be at the Town Hall.

Thursday Afternoon 1 to 4 p. m.

Thursday Evening 5 to 8 p. m.

Elect Syracuse Minister President Rustic Ridge Committees Are Named

The annual meeting of the Rustic Ridge association, Northfield's largest summer colony, was held last week at the cottage of Miss M. B. Curtin with a large attendance of the property owners. Dr. C. C. Woodruff of Newark, N. J., who has served for many years in an efficient manner, presided. Reports for the year showed the association to be in a flourishing condition, and with a balance of \$420 in the treasury. Many improvements have been made to the grounds and the highways and further road improvements is contemplated. It was stated that ten available cottages were rented and the remainder occupied by the owners. The association's tax rate remains the same as last year, one per cent of the assessed valuation. Some money is outstanding in unpaid taxes and such persons will be denied the use of the electric service until taxes are paid. A memorial service was held for those members of the association who had died during the past year and included Rev. J. F. Russell, Miss Julia Edwards, Rev. J. Wallace Chesbro, and Rev. A. N. Thompson. Albert G. Moody was a guest at the meeting and gave a brief history of the establishment of the Rustic Ridge and of the first cottage, which was built by Dr. Thompson. Today it constitutes four distinct sections. Following the business the annual election of officers was held and it resulted in the choice of Rev. Arthur L. Berger of Syracuse, N. Y., as president to succeed Dr. Woodruff who would not again serve. Vice-president, Dr. W. H. Bohlman; treasurer, Rev. W. H. DesJardines; corresponding secretary, Miss Dorothy Brue.

The following committees were then announced: Tree committee, Francis Jones, Mrs. Edna B. H. Jenkins, Dr. Woodruff; road, Thomas J. Duncan, Gordon Willard, W. F. Townsend; milk, Miss Lucy Jackson, Miss Louise Roe, Miss Alice Pedley; waste removal, Mrs. C. W. Wright, Miss Josephine Moody, Miss Therese Simar; neighborhood, Mrs. C. S. Crear, Mrs. W. S. Voorhies, Rev. C. M. Akerman; hospitality, Mrs. H. P. Bruce, Mrs. W. D. Anderson, Mr. L'Hommedieu; mosquito, Mrs. Edna B. H. Jenkins.

Rev. W. H. Giebel was designated as the real estate agent for the Rustic Ridge association. The three food sales this summer netted over \$50 for the permanent road fund, besides providing for three social afternoons at the homes of members.

Needs More Clothing

It is good news to know that 11 boxes of clothing have been sent to England as a result of the War Relief barrel outside the IGA store in this town. But 11 boxes are far from being adequate to help in the drastic needs of the coming winter for those human beings who endure the most cruel and severe experiences across the seas. A recent letter of thanks referred to the clothing and added, "But special thanks for the two quilts you included." In every Ridge cottage and year-around home in our village there is probably one blanket or old quilt that could be spared. At a British War Relief benefit in Providence, on the back of each ticket was printed, "Bring a blanket." As a result of this suggestion, \$1500 worth of blankets were piled high in the lobby of the armory, where the benefit cleared \$3000.

Instead of packing away a lot of old sweaters for the moths and squirrels to gnaw on, leave them in the barrel, or at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pitt.

Flower Show A Record

Nothing but words of praise and appreciation have been expressed by visitors to the recent flower show in the Chateau, sponsored by the local Garden club. There were 920 individual visitors and 225 individual entries. Last year the attendance was 865 with 207 entries. Visitors represented 14 states and four countries. The design and display of Philip Porter on the Chateau steps of the American flag and Victory "V" met with popular applause and pronounced as his best effort.

In the popular vote for a single exhibit, R. C. Allen & Son of Bernardston won. The flower shows of the past two years have made a favorable bit of advertising for this community and affords an example and pattern for many others to study. A full report of the show will be given at the annual meeting of the Garden club.

LEST WE FORGET—Our Holland Friends



A year ago, during the summer months, this community was privileged to have in their midst a family from Holland, consisting of a mother, her two sons and their families, as well as the father and mother of a wife of one of the sons. Many persons in our community were privileged to meet them and became acquainted, but for obvious reasons, we do not print their names in this article. In the photograph shown above, the family were greeted on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hoehn, who were the hosts to these Holland refugees, and whose story of experiences in leaving the homeland and finally arriving in America is filled with pathos, hardships, and sacrifice. As cold weather set in, the party left Northfield, and today, they are located on Long Island and well employed. All have fled to become American citizens. Friends in the community who helped to make their stay pleasant, will be glad to learn that now through perseverance and personal effort they are comfortably located and meeting life's problems successfully. They came to Northfield and became much attached to the community and hope some day to return for a long visit. A recent letter states that they "just love Northfield and its fine people." The story of their coming here is well known, through the facts published in the "Press" last summer and it is not necessary to repeat it now. Again this year, friends had the opportunity to open some hospice for refugees from other countries, but no place seemed available as "Hope Home" had been rented for this season to summer vacationists.

Changes In Teachers Of The Local Schools

With the opening of our schools next Tuesday, several changes will be found in the teaching staff. There will be two new teachers in the high school faculty. They are Miss Margaret Vannah of Monson, a graduate of Bay Path Institute and Massachusetts State college, who will teach commercial subjects, and Miss Dorothy Rich of Brighton, a graduate of Radcliffe college, who will teach English, French and Spanish. The other teachers are Richard A. Cobb, principal; Miss Evelyn Lawley, Miss Julia Austin and Miss Agnes Casey.

For Center school, George Leonard

Leonard, will be the principal and teach the eighth grade in mathematics and science. He returns to Northfield after teaching two years in Paxton. Miss Dorothy Giddings, a graduate of the Bridgewater State Teachers college, will teach the first grade in place of Miss Margaret Hubbard. Miss Ruth Hawkins has the second grade and has taught in the local schools one year. Miss Mary Dalton, third grade, and Miss Dorothy Totman, fourth grade, have taught many years in the local school system. Miss Helen Wozniak, a graduate of Framingham Teachers' college, will teach the fifth grade, taking the place of Miss Ruth Tangy, who resigned. Miss Braley, sixth grade, teaching English and spelling, and Mrs. Esther Williams, seventh grade, teaching social science and music, have had these grades for several years. Mrs. Marion Goodspeed will be music supervisor as in previous years.

Congregational Church

Rev. E. C. Dahl, Minister Sunday, Aug. 31: 10 a. m., church school meets in all departments; 11 o'clock, morning worship with sermon by Prof. Cyril Richardson of Union Theological Seminary, and special music by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Raymond.

At 7 p. m., Christian Endeavor. Mr. Dahl will meet with the society at this first meeting of the season.

Thursday, Sept. 4: 7:15 p. m., prayer meeting in the church, followed by choir rehearsal at 8.

Public Inspects School

An announced in last week's "Press," the new Center school building was opened on Wednesday afternoon and evening for inspection by our citizens. Many availed themselves of the opportunity to go through the building and its various rooms and were greeted by members of the school committee and a number of the teachers. All visitors seemed to be much impressed with the facilities accorded for the education of our young people.

First Aid Class Completes Its Course Certificates Awarded

Fifty members of the first aid class, which has been meeting in the town hall for the past ten weeks, have completed the American Red Cross standard first aid course and received their certificates last Monday evening. The final meeting, which was to have been celebrated with an outdoor picnic at the Bigelow camp, was held in the vestry of the Congregational church because of bad weather. Certificates were awarded to the following:

Advance certificate, Jack Polhemus.

Standard certificate, Kenneth Bolton, Richard Barrows, Emma Bigelow, George Bronson, Mrs. John Bassette, Mrs. George Carr, Gene Cullum, Priscilla Colton, Duncan Campbell, Blanche Corser, Paul Chamberlain, Rosalie Cossett, Mary Dalton, Chris Eckhoff, Norton Field, Carleton Finch, Eaton Freeman, Doris Harriett, Ruth Kimball, Mabel I. Livingston, Charles Mayberry, Bertha Martindale, Mrs. E. L. McIntire, Mrs. Esther Merrill, Mrs. William Miller, Doris Peaslee, Mrs. Willis Parker, Mrs. Thomas Parker, Mrs. Arthur Platt, Gordon Pyper, Mrs. Gordon Pyper, Mrs. Frank Pearls, Carroll Rikert, Mrs. Carroll Rikert, Mabel Richardson, Clara Ross, Charles Repeta, Mrs. Emory Rikert, Katherine Solasz, Agnes Solasz, Josephine Solasz, Therese Simar, Lois Sutherland, Elsie Stenborg, Hazel Schooley, Betty Woodruff, Dorothy Woodruff, and Mrs. Allen Wright.

Henry Aates and Raymond George, who have instructed the class in first aid, presented the awards. In appreciation of the time and effort they have given to this instruction, the class presented Mr. Oates and Mr. George with gift certificates.

Among the guests at the meeting were four members of the Northfield committee on public safety, which has sponsored this series of classes. They were Dr. Richard G. Holton, in charge of public relations; Harold Bigelow, construction of bomb shelters; Charles Johnson, fire protection; and Capt. William Marshall, air raid warden. Other members of the committee who were unable to attend are George McEwan, chairman; Dr. Allen H. Wright, in charge of the medical division; and A. Gordon Moody, transportation and supplies. Captain Marshall outlined briefly the purpose and method of operation of the aerial observation post to be established on the Seminary campus in early September.

George Billings of the Greenfield fire department, who is in charge of first aid instruction, gave a short talk on the importance of keeping up to date on first aid methods and the part to be played by those who have completed the course in furthering their local defense program.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting and birthday greetings extended to Dr. Bronson who was celebrating his 70th birthday the following day.

Approximately 25 members of the class who have received certificates for the standard course have enrolled in an additional 10-hour course for advance certificates which will start some time in September. A second standard first aid course will be held in October for those who were unable to attend the summer classes.

Holton Family Reunion

This weekend will witness the annual reunion meeting of the Holton family association at the Northfield hotel. Members of the association are descendants of William Holton (1610-1691) who was one of the original proprietors of Hartford, Ct., a founder of Northampton, and a son was one of the early settlers of Northfield. Land granted to Deacon William Holton is still in the family in Northfield. He came to this country in 1635.

The reunion will open at one o'clock today (Friday) with meetings of the executive and other committees. Dinner will be at 6, with a story telling contest at 7:30. The general session will open at 10 a. m. on Saturday with reports of officers and committees. Luncheon will be at one o'clock with games, trips, stories and discussions scheduled for 3 o'clock.

Attended The Hearing

Selectmen of the county attended a meeting at the court house in Greenfield last Friday for a conference with Commissioner Herman A. McDonald of the state department of Public Works, regarding their requests for assistance by county and state for work desired to be secured under the provisions of Chapter 90. For Northfield, Selectmen Carl L. Mason made a request for a grant for the continuation of the Warwick road improvement, and also for the painting of the Schell bridge. His request was given favorable consideration and so received by Mr. McDonald.

Has Been Very Ill

Rollo A. Barnes, director of State Aid and Welfare for Massachusetts, who has been seriously ill at the Haynes Memorial hospital is improving at his home in Hingham and hopes to return to his work at the State House in Boston soon. Mr. Barnes, formerly resided here for a time and Mrs. Louise Barnes LaBella of Rustic Ridge is his aunt.

Franklin County Fair Will Attract Many Large Number Entries

With a record number of entries being received in all exhibition classes, the 92nd annual Franklin County Fair will open in a complete way. The pre-fair ticket sale indicates that all attendance records will be broken for this annual fair which will continue from Monday thru Wednesday, Sept. 8-10.

A special feature of this year's fair will be the state championship potato picking contest scheduled for Wednesday afternoon following the horse races. Competing for a magnificent trophy, which will be presented by Gov. Saltonstall, eight county champions will meet to determine the 1941 Mass. champion. The winner at Greenfield will later represent this state in the eastern seaboard challenged championship event.

The calibre of entries being received gives promise that the full program of harness racing on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons will be outstanding. A fast field of starters will be seen on each of the two days of racing.

The night shows at the fair will feature a special concert by the Greenfield Military Band, all-star hipodrome vaudeville and an augmented display of fireworks. The outstanding acts of vaudeville program include the world famous high driver, Bee Kyle; the animated mechanical cow, Fi-Fi, and her patient milk maid, Olive Miles; Ruton's dogs, displaying extraordinary canine intelligence in their difficult tricks; Paul Mix will present trick roping; and the firework will feature brilliant pyrotechnics with the sinking of the Bismarck concluding each evening's performance.

True to tradition, the fair remains as always, an agricultural fair. Extensive dairy herds, horticultural displays and products of the home will fill the barns and exhibition halls to capacity. Clean wholesome fun for young and old will be found on the extensive midway which will be comprised of new rides, new games and new shows.

Following the plan which has been in force for many years, the 1941 fair will be conducted with a night show on the opening day, Sept. 8, all day and a night show on the second day, Sept. 9, with the concluding events of the fair and the county athletic meet on the third day, Sept. 10.

Union Seminary Speaker At Local Church Sunday

A popular teacher and speaker, Dr. Cyril Richardson, professor of church history in Union Theological Seminary, New York, will be the preacher in the Congregational church Sunday morning at 11. Dr. Richardson an outstanding church historian, is one of the younger leaders in the Episcopal church, and has become well known for his part in the discussion concerning the reunion of that denomination with the Presbyterians. He is the author of the best-selling volume, "The Church Through the Centuries," and of other books, including recently published "The Sacrament of Reunion." He has been spending the summer at the hotel, and his many friends in town will welcome the opportunity to hear him preach.

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Square Dances Popular In Pioneer Valley With Efficient Callers

This year more people than ever are attending the square dances held in many towns in Pioneer Valley in western Massachusetts, according to a survey made by the Pioneer Valley association. At least 1500 people follow their favorite "callers" to the town halls or Grange halls in these New England towns and, believe it or not, at least half of them are 'teen age.'

The Pioneer valley callers have achieved a local popularity that compares with the fame of the big time orchestra leaders in the cities. Farmers, railroad workers, truck drivers and chauffeurs by day, these callers usually handle three or four dances a week.

There are really three kinds of dances that come under the general heading of "squares." There is the strict square, known as a quadrille, in which four couples form a square and dance the figures. There is the "contra-dance" in which six boys form a line facing a line of six girls and go through the figures that way. Finally, there is the "circle dance" in which everyone in the room holds hands and couples go through figures along the whole circle. Quadrilles are the most popular here.

A typical dance is held in the South Amherst town hall each Wednesday evening. "Corky" Calkins is calling the squares to a following of young and old, whose enthusiasm rivals that of baseball fans. Everyone is seated around the hall when the orchestra strikes up a little tune which means that squares are about to form. Corky calls, "Eight hands around." Every man and boy starts for his lady and in almost no time at all the floor is covered with circles. "Sets in order," calls Corky, and the orchestra begins to play "The Wearin' of the Green," a quadrille for which the changes were devised on a checker board by Jim LaSalle of Northampton, an old square dance fiddler.

The crowd does three squares in a group, after which there are three round dances, in which couples dance around the floor to the tune of some tried and true old waltz.

Corky calls three or four dances each week, works all day as a chauffeur at Mt. Holyoke college, is an active member of the home defense committee, and serves as a volunteer fireman. He is 43, and has been dancing all his life. Corky got into calling five years ago when he was asked to fill in during the absence of a caller in Whately. The dancers liked him so much that he has been turning down jobs ever since. He knows more than a hundred calls for all kinds of square dances, and is a member of the American Association of Barn Dance Callers.

Bill Spitzer, who calls the dances in Cummington and Huntington, got into calling by substituting for another caller in Westfield 12 years ago. Before that Bill was in demand at kitchen dances, affairs held in private homes. Now he attracts some of the biggest crowds in the area with his unique style of singing the melody. When Bill isn't calling at dances, he works on a farm in North Chester. He says if they'd only let him, he'd call squares until four in the morning, but all the dances end promptly at midnight.

One of the most experienced of all the "callers" is Ed Tierney of Westfield who is packing hundreds of devotees into the Grange hall in Chesterfield on Saturday nights. Ed, who has a repertoire of 125 calls, says that the calls used to be spoken without music and that the music is a recent addition. One of his favorites is a New England contra-dance called "Hull's Victory." Ed knows a number of rare dances, such as Washington Day; Jack-in-the-Box; and Old Log Cabin. Ed is 43 and is a machinist in a Holyoke company.

Bro. Lanoue of Charlemont is a railroad worker who is a caller at night. His popularity causes traffic trouble at times because crowds of young people line the roads begging for rides when he is driving to dances. There is a tremendous amount of vitality shown when he is calling, but no one ever gets out of hand. The results, in terms of design, are many beautiful and graceful patterns, forming and changing on the floor.

Lanoue has a pupil named Royal Ainsworth who has been calling for only four months. The crowd liked him so much that now, in addition to working for some milk dealers in Heath, he calls regularly at the Charlemont Community hall.

The dean of the Pioneer valley callers is Sammy Spring, who is 59. Sammy has called dances at the World's Fair and the National Folk Festival, and he has taught square dancing to some famous ballet dancers. Sammy plays his own "Golden Slippers" on Friday nights at the lovely restored New England village at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

The dances at Goshen are held on Fridays and the automobiles

TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. John E. Nye and daughter, with friends from New Jersey, spent several days last week on a motor trip through the Adirondacks in New York state.

A son was born to Rev. and Mrs. W. Gordon Poole of Glens Falls in the hospital there, on Monday evening of this week. His name is David Allen. Mrs. Poole, well known here, is the daughter of Rev. J. L. Peacock who has a summer home on Rustic Ridge.

Harry L. Gingras has been away from his duties at the Northfield Pharmacy for a few days this week owing to illness.

Dr. and Mrs. Lester Mason of Syracuse, N. Y., and their child are visiting his parents here, at their summer home on Linden street.

Mrs. H. P. Bruce and her daughter, Miss D. I. Bruce have closed their cottage on the Ridge and returned to their home at Loonet Valley, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. George McEwan are enjoying a two weeks vacation down on Cape Cod.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Cobb have returned from their summer vacation spent in Maine and again he takes up his work as principal of the high school.

There will be a rehearsal next Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the Grange hall for those taking part in the chorus at the Eastern State Exposition, Sept. 27. I. J. Lawrence will be in charge of the rehearsal. All those interested in singing are invited to participate.

Miss Alice Marie Whitney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Q. Whitney of Mount Hermon was married Wednesday afternoon to Bernard George Neipp, son of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Neipp of Turners Falls. The wedding took place at the Baptist church in Turners Falls with Rev. George N. Mott officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Grove W. Deming of Mount Hermon have returned from a short vacation at Winsted, Ct.

Mrs. Ernest Leavitt is at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright. She will soon leave for Ft. Bragg, N. C., where her husband has been transferred from Ft. Ethan Allen. He is a captain in the artillery.

County Bee Keepers met in an association meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller, Monday evening. Mr. Miller is president of the association.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolcott of Brooklyn were recent guests of Mrs. Louise Barnes LaBella at Sunbeam Lodge.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Bullard and daughter have returned to their home in Jacksonville, Ill., after visiting Mrs. Carroll Rich and other relatives hereabouts.

Murray Pallam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pallam of Birnam road, recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Franklin County hospital and is now making a fine recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mahoney and daughter, Judith, who have been visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Ellis E. Jones at their home in Vernon, have returned to their home in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley H. Gaido of Millers Falls have purchased from Mrs. A. F. Bennett, the five room house and a half acre of land on the highway near the Bennett estate. After making some improvements and additions they will occupy for residence.

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Shaw of lower Main street have closed their house and returned to their home in Doremus.

H. W. Doremus, who is spending the summer here, is enjoying an excursion "down in Maine." Robert Birdsall, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Birdsall was injured while working on the Main street construction job last week Thursday afternoon. One foot was injured but X-rays showed no broken bones.

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line the roads on either side. Last week there were cars at Goshen from a dozen states. At Chesterfield on route 148, last Saturday night, a California station wagon was parked next to an Ohio convertible. Inside, a Chicago business man was whirling with a local school teacher, and a young farm boy was giving lessons to a girl from New York City.

Square dances are held regularly year around in Northfield and Greenfield. Northfield has a famous caller, named "Happy" Hale, who lives in Bernardston.

Although a great many summer visitors attend the dances, the local people never think of catering to their particular tastes; in fact, the city people, who thought they knew square dancing, find there is much more vitality and enthusiasm in the New England dances.

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EDITORIAL**THE INSURANCE DOLLAR**

In talking with A. P. Fitt the other day, he suggested some information regarding insurance, and said people ought to know just how their money is divided when purchasing insurance coverage. Many feel that insurance is costly, and so cover their properties insufficiently. When destruction comes, they realize to their sorrow that their reimbursement is not enough to duplicate the loss. It's a good plan to carry sufficient insurance, but here's the information you should have. Of every insurance dollar there is returned to the public in losses paid 42.27 cents; employees' salaries and agents' commissions take 37.23 cents; rents and other management expenses takes 5.49 cents; local, state and federal taxes (not including real estate taxes) takes 4.18 cents; increase in unearned premium reserves, takes 6.91 cents; and addition to surplus and special reserves, takes 3.92 cents.

FIRST AID CLASS

The success of the first aid class conducted in town and its large enrollment was a gratifying success. It was sponsored by our committee on public safety and the instruction was that of the Red Cross, whose certificates were issued. The class bears witness to the patriotism of our citizens and reflects credit upon its sponsors, but nonetheless upon the personal effort of Miss Hazel Schooley who has devoted herself to the success of the project.

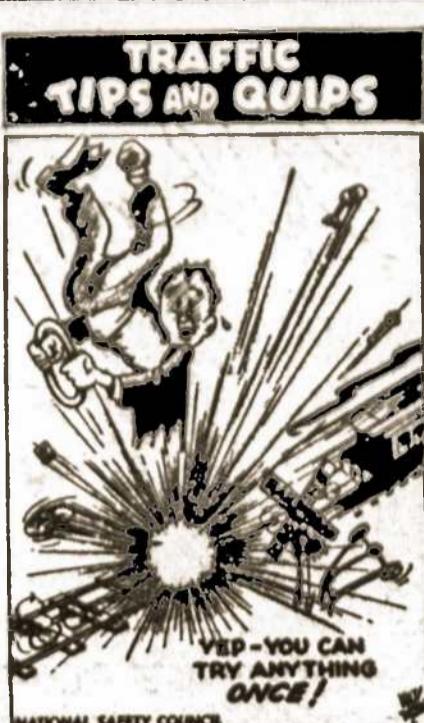
TOO MUCH VICTORY

An emperor of ancient times, after winning a great battle, said this: "One more such victory, and I will be ruined." His losses of men and material had been so great that victory left his people weary, exhausted, and low in morale.

Some think that maybe Hitler's fate even if he finally subdues Russia. At a conservative estimate he has lost, in killed and wounded, 1,000,000 men, and they are the cream of the Reichswehr. In the meantime, his main opponent, the English, are suffering almost no casualties and are growing stronger fast.

Know Massachusetts
by State Planning Board

Do you know that between Oct. 31, 1916 and Oct. 31, 1918, approximately the war period, savings in Massachusetts saving institutions increased from about \$1,088,205,000 to \$1,142,809,000 a gain of \$54,604,000, notwithstanding that more than one billion dollars of Liberty bonds and war savings stamps were bought in Massachusetts in the same period? Associated Industries of Massachusetts report that the value of orders received by Massachusetts manufacturers during July this year was 109 per cent more than in July 1940, the biggest gains occurring in textiles, metal products and miscellaneous other lines. Massachusetts nickname is "The Bay States"; its official motto: "By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty"; its state flower is the mayflower; its state tree is the elm. Massachusetts ranks 44th among the states in area. A book published by the secretary of the Commonwealth in 1920 gives the historical record of each city, town and county of the state, including former changes of name and boundaries, date of incorporation, etc. Of the 436 places

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Do you realize that summer has passed into the dim past? Well, not exactly, but that's the feeling I had up at Farm and Home Week when I listened to a gentleman talking on "Fall Lawn Seeding of the Lawn."

We home gardeners all know that autumn or early fall—from the first of September to the middle of October—is the most ideal time to seed a new lawn.

Of course, the reason I sat in on the lawn meeting is that I really plan to put in a new lawn on one part of my grounds this fall. I hope to make it into a croquet and badminton court. The kiddos are getting to the age where they can play croquet, and the old man—that means me—can still chase a badminton "bird" around for a few minutes without becoming exhausted.

Just in case you're planning a new lawn here is what the gentleman said. Grass seed germinates naturally at this time of year, and the early fall rains and cool nights are quite beneficial to young grass seedlings. On the other hand, weeds, as a rule, go through the winter before they germinate again. Start anytime during August to prepare the seed bed for fall planting. Begin

by ploughing or spading the area. Then follow this with cultivation to eliminate any weeds which may germinate between now and the time you seed.

A properly-prepared seed bed should be fertile, from 5 to 6 inches deep, and uniform in character. It should be neither too wet nor too dry, and well supplied with organic matter. Most New England soils will stand improvement by the addition of organic manner, such as well-rotted barn manure, peat moss, leaf mold, or other similar material. Feed these into the upper five or six inches of the top soil at the rate of about one cubic yard for each 1,000 square feet of lawn area.

Then at the last cultivation before seeding, put on a complete fertilizer. The main fertilizer element that stimulates root growth is phosphorous, and the one that promotes leaf growth is nitrogen.

Hence, use a fertilizer such as a 4-12-4 or 5-10-5. Use it the rate of 20 or 30 pounds to 1,000 square feet and work it thoroughly into the upper 3 or 4 inches of soil. If lime is needed, it can be added at the same time, but be sure to put on the fertilizer and the lime before seeding.

Perhaps that's enough for this time on lawns. Next time I write I'll give you some seed mixtures and other suggestions on the care of old lawns during the fall.

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Three to five pounds of grass seed per thousand square feet is the usual rule. Divide the seed in half and sow one half while walking one way of the lawn and the other half while walking the other way. After seeding, cover the

**THE PARTY THAT
WASN'T THERE**

The telephone can ring and ring and ring at most inconvenient times. Sometimes it takes a while to untangle yourself from whatever you're doing.

But when you get to the telephone as fast as you possibly can only to find that the party isn't there any more... well, it is exasperating.

Of course, your feeling is that whoever it was might have had a little more patience.

But if you stop to reflect a moment, you'll admit that it's no fun holding on to a telephone... waiting for someone to get around to answering it.

We just mention both sides of this familiar situation as a suggestion to both parties that a little more patience when calling someone on the telephone and a little more promptness in answering the telephone will save everybody a lot of time and needless irritation.

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